

Connecticut Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative (CYSPI)
Advisory Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2007
United Way, Wethersfield, CT
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

In Attendance: Christopher Bethune, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) fellow; Allison Case, DMHAS; Andrea Duarte, DMHAS; DeAnna Lia, Department of Children and Families (DCF); Marianne McDougall, DMHAS intern; Susan McLaughlin, DMHAS; Susan Moores, United Way of CT; Allyson Nadeau, CT Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP); Scott Newgass, State Department of Education (SDE); Barbara Sheldon (CT BHP); Judith Stonger, CT Clearinghouse; Bill Turek, SDE; Faith Vos Winkel, Office of the Child Advocate

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Brief Project Update

- Andrea reported project is proceeding as planned, highlights since last meeting follow.
- SOS Implementation Training for Connecticut Technical and Trumbull High School counseling and Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Service staff held 8/28.
- Letters to Connecticut's Congressional Delegation supporting the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act Reauthorization distributed 8/30; copies are on the CYSPI website.
- One-Year Project Update and Announcement of Community Education and Awareness Mini-Grant Program held 9/6 at Wheeler Clinic.
- Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk Training for Connecticut State University System, Connecticut Technical and Trumbull High School counseling and Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services staff held 10/9.
- Release of Mini-Grant RFP generated 19 letters of intent and 10 applications, review today.
- Evaluator Rob Aseltine is concerned the GLS active parental consent requirement is acting as a barrier to service implementation of SOS and plans to address via APHA.
- Active Minds on Campus will be visiting Connecticut in October from D.C. and will meet with a number of colleges including SCSU, Quinnipiac, Trinity, University of Hartford, Sacred Heart, UConn, Conn. College and Wesleyan.

Mini-Grant Review (Primary Activity-Order of Business)

- Under the direction of Judy, 2 teams evaluated a total of 10 applications and recommended 7 be funded.
- Next steps include letters of award, a press release and planning for a grantee meeting/technical assistance session
- Attendees discussed process and lessons learned for application to Spring 2008 RFP release and review

Other

- Barbara Sheldon announced she will be leaving Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership but will continue to participate on the CYSPI Advisory Sub-Committee as a parent.
- Andrea participated in a webinar last month describing the Suicide Prevention Resource Center/American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (SPRC/AFSP) Best Practices Registry for Suicide Prevention; a link to the website which includes a listing of evidence-based and effective programs and practices is on the CYSPI website.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, December 18 - 9:00 to 10:30 AM, United Way of CT, Rocky Hill.

Handout: August 21 Meeting Minutes